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FOLLOWING IS THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEXT OF PRESIDENT
X.S.M. SAYEM'S ADDRESS TO THE NATION THE EVENING OF
NOVEMBER 7.

1. BEGIN TEXT: "BISMILLAHER RAHMANER RAHIM. MY DEAR
COUNTRYMEN, BROTHERS AND SISTERS:

"ASSALAMU ALAIKUM, IN MY ADDRESS MEST NIGHT I HAD
GIVEN YOU SOME IDEA OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH
I HAD TO TAKE UP THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OFFICE OF
THE PRESIDENT.

2. I HAVE AGREED TO CONTINUE TO CARRY ON THE RESPONSI-
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BILITY, OF THE PRESIDENSHIP AT THE SPECIFIC REQUEST

OF KHANDAKER MOSHTAQUE AHMED DESPITE THE FACT THAT THERE IS A SPONTANEOUS DEMAND FOR HIS RESUMPTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT. EVEN THOUGH KHANDAKER MOSHTAQUE AHMED ENJOYS A COUNTRYWIDE POPULARITY, THE EXAMPLE OF TRANSFER OF POWER THAT HE HAS SET UP IS RARE IN ANY DEVELOPING COUNTRY AND IS A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION FOR US ALL.

3. I HAD THROWN SOME LIGHT ON THE STATE POLICY AND THE METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION IN MY ADDRESS LAST NIGHT. I HAD ALSO INFORMED YOU OF THE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A DEMOCRATIC SOCIAL ORDER THROUGH THE RULE OF LAW, AN IMPARTIAL ADMINISTRATION ARE FREE GENERAL ELECTIONS.

4. TOGETHER WITH OUR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A DEMOCRATIC SOCIAL ORDER WE MUST ENDEAVOR TO STRENGTHEN AND BUILD UP A SELF-RELIANT ECONOMY. FOR THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO FREE OUR PEOPLE FROM THE CURSE OF POVERTY AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

5. WHAT WE NEED MOST AT THIS HOUR IS DISCIPLINE, HARD LABOR, INCREASE IN PRODUCTION IN FIELDS AND FACTORIES AND SUSTAINED EFFORTS TO EARN MORE FOREIGN EXCHANGE THROUGH INCREASE IN VOLUME OF EXPORTS. ONLY THIS WAY WE CAN CHECK THE RISING TREND OF PRICES AND BRING ABOUT STABILITY IN THE ECONOMY AND PRICE LEVEL.

6. ALL-OUT EFFORTS BY DIFFERENT SECTIONS OF THE PEOPLE ARE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL FOR BUILDING UP A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS SOCIETY. FOR THIS WE MUST INSPIRE THE STUDENTS AND YOUTH TO TAKE UP CONSTRUCTIVE WORK, AND WE MUST ALSO PROVIDE THEM WITH FACILITIES FOR USEFUL ACTIVITIES TO DEVELOP THEIR LATENT FACULTIES IN HEALTHY DIRECTIONS.

7. UNDER THE CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES WE HAVE TAKEN SOME MEASURES TO RUN THE GOVERNMENT. A PROPER MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN SET UP. UNDER THIS SET UP THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF ASSUMES THE FUNCTIONS OF THE CHIEF MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR. THERE WILL BE THREE DEPUTY CHIEF MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATORS TO ASSIST HIM. THEY ARE: CHIEF OF THE ARMY STAFF, MAJOR-GENERAL ZIAUR
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RAHMAN, CHIEF OF THE NAVAL STAFF, COMMODORE MOSHARRAF HUSSAIN KHAN AND CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF, AIR VICE-MARSHAL M.G. TAWAB. THERE WILL ALSO BE FOUR ZONAL MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATORS FOR THE FOUR DIVISIONS OF THE COUNTRY.

8. AN ADVISORY COUNCIL WILL BE FORMED WITH LEADER OF THE PEOPLE. THIS COUNCIL WILL ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT

ON THE BASIS OF THE PEOPLE'S ASPIRATIONS.

9. PERMANENT CIVIL SERVANTS WILL HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICIES OF THE GOVERNMENT.

10. IT IS OUR FIRM DECISION THAT ALL POLITICAL LEADERS WHO HAVE BEEN DETAINED SOLELY BECAUSE OF THEIR POLITICAL BELIEFS WILL BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY.

11. IN CONCLUSION, I HOPE IMBUED WITH A NEW SENSE OF DUTY, WE WILL DISCHARGE OUR RESPONSIBILITIES IN OUR RESPECTIVE FIELDS WITH HONESTY AND EFFICIENCY AND WILL UTILISE THE PRESENT OPPORTUNITIES FULLY. ONLY IN THIS WAY WE CAN ACHIEVE THE DESIRED PROGRESS IN DIFFERENT SECTORS OF LIFE IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIMS.

12. I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT WITH YOUR ALL-ROUND COOPERATION, INSHAH-ALLH, WE WILL SOON BE ABLE TO REACH OUR CHERISHED GOAL. KHUDA HAFIZ, BANGLADESH ZINDABAD.
END TEXT.
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